

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2006

CATEGORY	APRIL 2006	2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	5	9	21	29
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	1	1
FIRE	21	21	53	76
HAZMAT	175	186	711	702
OTHER	26	29	104	97
911 OUTAGES	3	4	9	14
SAR	42	34	193	153
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	4	8	18	20
CGS INCIDENTS	0	1	1	2
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(3)	(8)	(14)	(23)
TOTAL	276	292	1111	1094

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On April 1, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Message. A fire, lasting approximately one minute, was ignited while processing an M-55 rocket. The situation remained under engineering control. There was no agent released into the atmosphere.

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- On April 1, Benton County activated their Emergency Operations Center to assist in the coordination and response to a levee breach that occurred near Kennewick. The estimated 5 acres of water flooded 15 homes. A Red Cross shelter was established to house the displaced residences. The incident was terminated latter the same day as concerns for more damage decreased.
- On April 5, the Umatilla Chemical Depot reported an M-55 rocket motor igniting during the fifth cut of normal rocket processing. The fire was subdued and all normal checks were made. No agent was released into outside air.
- On April 6, Kitsap County Sheriff's Department commenced a search for a missing 49 year old male who departed earlier that day to walk his two dogs near Port Orchard and failed to return. King County's "Guardian One" helicopter and additional ground resources from King, Pierce, Thurston and Mason Counties assisted in the search. The subject was found deceased mid-afternoon on April 7th.
- On April 9, Washington State Emergency Management Division responded to an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request for equipment to help police departments in Tennessee following the recent devastating tornados in Tennessee.
- On April 9, Grays Harbor County opened a search for a missing 68 year-old Alzheimer's patient missing in the Aberdeen area. Resources were coordinated from Pierce and Thurston Counties as well as U.S Coast Guard air support from Astoria, OR through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. The subject was found safe early morning on April 10th.
- On April 10, Pierce County opened a search for two hikers missing in the Greenwater area. Ground resources were coordinated from King County. The hikers were found late that morning with one of them suffering from back injuries.
- On April 13, Kitsap County opened a search for a 35-year old male, missing from the "Retsil's" Veteran's Home in Port Orchard. GSSD resources were coordinated for from Pierce County, which provided 2xGSSD teams. The individual was found in good health before the GSSD teams arrived.

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- On April 13, the Washington State Patrol issued an Amber Alert for a 2 year-old Hispanic male abducted near Sunnyside, WA in Yakima County. The Alert was cancelled several minutes later when the suspect voluntarily surrendered himself and the child to Sunnyside Police Department.
- On April 14, Kitsap County commenced a search for a dementia patient who walked away from a group home in Silverdale. Search Dog resources were coordinated for from Pierce County, which provided 3 GSSD teams. The individual was found in good health before the GSSD teams arrived.
- On April 15, King County commenced a search and rescue of 4 hikers, one which was injured, near McMillian Butte. Mountain Rescue teams from Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit and Kitsap counties were called to assist, but were canceled prior to teams arrival at the search base. All subjects were located and extracted in good or stable condition on April 16.
- On April 17, The National Weather Service issued a Freeze Warning extending from the Columbia River Basin up through the Washington Palouse area. A Freeze Warning is issued whenever freezing temperatures are expected during the growing season or after a prolonged period of above freezing temperature before the growing season starts. The warning expired on the next morning.
- On April 18, an Amber Alert was issued by Washington State Patrol of Vancouver, WA for an abducted 10 year-old Caucasian female. The alert was canceled later that evening when authorities deemed the event a hoax.
- On April 18, Skamania County commenced a search for a female who apparently either fell or jumped into the Columbia River near Mile Post 24 on State Route 14. Additional ground search personnel from Clark County and high angle rescue personnel from Portland Mountain Rescue assisted in the search. The subject was located on the hill the next day deceased.
- On April 27, Snohomish County commenced a search for a missing 57 year-old female who apparently walked away from her home early that morning. Additional search dogs from Pierce County were called to assist in the search. The subject was located early in the afternoon in good condition.

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- On April 28, San Juan County experienced a phone, cell phone, 911 service and internet connection loss between themselves and the main land of Washington State. The cause of the loss of service was determined to be a fiber optic cable cut near the city of Anacortes. The local phone company was able to reroute service to San Juan County and most services were restored within 3-4 hours of the disruption.
- On April 29, National Weather Service Spokane issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Lincoln County at 1758 hours which then expired at 1845 hours. The weather system also caused a blowing dust storm throughout parts of eastern Washington bringing visibility down to almost zero in places.
- For the month of April 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 28 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 3 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 622 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 16 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 35 exercises of which 31 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1,138 and answered 1,440 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1,736 National Warning System Tests, conducted 240 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 48 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
 - Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)